

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A playback apparatus for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of a video of the video stream, and the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each image, the playback apparatus comprising:

a storage;

a player that successively plays the video according to the control information;

an image plane;

a platform including a processor that executes native codes, the platform interpreting and executing predetermined codes by converting the predetermined codes into the native codes executable by the processor and causing the processor to execute the native codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each image in the storage, and including a native code for selecting an image to be rendered from among of the plurality of images stored in the storage based on a specified location on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in the control information, and the rendition time corresponding to each image stored in the storage, and storing the selected image in the image plane; and

a compositor that superimposes the selected image stored in the image plane on the video during playback of the video.

2. – 7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously Presented) A playback method used for a playback apparatus that plays a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of a video of the video stream, the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each image, the playback apparatus having a storage, an image plane, and a platform including a processor for executing native codes, the playback method comprising:

successively playing the video according to the control information;

interpreting and executing the predetermined codes by converting the predetermined codes into native codes executable by the processor and causing the processor to execute the native codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each image in the storage;

selecting, by causing the processor to execute the native code for selecting the image, the selected image to be rendered from among the designated plurality of images stored in the storage, based on a specified location on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in the control information, and the rendition time corresponding to each image stored in the storage, and storing the selected image in the image plane; and

superimposing the selected image stored in the image plane on the video during the playback of the video